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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my feelings on the Microsoft settlement that was reached in November. I believe this agreement will have long-term beneficial effects on our lagging economy. For this reason, I feel this agreement will be in the best interest of the public.

This agreement contains provisions that will foster competition. Microsoft has pledged to share more information with other companies about Microsoft software codes and books. Microsoft must also make it easier to install non- Microsoft software. These steps will give third party vendors more opportunity for growth and allow consumers a greater choice in applications. This is a win-win situation all around.

These provisions and many others will have a positive impact on the technology industry and is a great victory for consumers as well. Thank you for settling this suit with Microsoft.

Sincerely,


Tandy Garay